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KOTZEBUE COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING OPENING**

Commercial salmon fishing will be open for 8 hours from 6 p.m. Thursday, July 18 until 2 a.m. Friday, July 19 in the Kotzebue District.

Catch during Wednesday night's 8-hour opening was 4,908 chum salmon by 23 permit holders. Cumulative catch after seven fishing periods is just over 20,000 chum salmon. The catch so far this season has been average.

The commercial harvest this season is expected to be within the range of 225,000 to 250,000 chum salmon if market conditions can accept that level of harvest.

If you have any questions concerning the fishery you can call the Kotzebue office at 442-3420, or the Commercial Fisheries office in Nome at 1-800-560-2271 or the buyer at 442-4192.